

**Economic Impacts** (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

**8,686** jobs (24.3% of total) in Columbia County.  
**\$641** million in Gross Regional Product.  
**27.5%** contribution to Gross Regional Product.  
*Based on an annual UF study*

It is estimated that for every **\$1** invested in agricultural research and Extension, there is a return of **\$20** to the community.  
*Alston, Andersen et al. (2010)*

**Funding** (FY 2025)

State funds for Extension **\$773,605 (53%)**  
 Federal funds for Extension **\$75,841 (5%)**  
 County funds for Extension **\$601,267 (41%)**

**Volunteers** (2024)

Number of volunteers **342**  
 Hours worked **6,539**  
 Dollar value of hours worked **\$227,478**

**Giving** (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **1,072**  
 Current (1yr) donors residing in county **424**  
 Gifts to UF from county residents **\$399,511**  
 Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$11,960**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H; Nutrition & food safety; Agronomic crop sustainability; Financial management; Commercial & environmental horticulture; Natural resources; Sustainable ag for small farms; Livestock

**Client Satisfaction** (2020)

Quality

**76%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

**78%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**57%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

**59%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts** (2024)

Field and office consultations **1,398**  
 Participants at group learning events **12,618**  
 Phone and email consultations **14,476**  
 Social media engagement **424,036**  
 Educational materials created **110**

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes** (2024)

Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers **299,660,684**  
 No. of producers who adopted recommended practices **22,350**  
 No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters **37,001**

**Students and Alumni** (Fall 2024)

UF students from county **138**  
 CALS students from county **27**  
 UF alumni residing in county **1,415**  
 UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **204**

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